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materials describing the Council's transportation planning and programming efforts also are available.

Questions about the hearings or transportation assumptions and technical materials may be directed to Kevin Roggenbuck, (651) 602-1728, or Carl Ohn (651) 602-1719, Metropolitan Council, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55101.

Department of Natural Resources Notice of Availability of Contract for Bear Lake

CERTIFICATION # 15472

Amount of proposed contract: \$49,000

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is requesting proposals for the purpose of seeking information to better understand the relationship between surface and sub-surface water; specifically, the relationship between Bear Lake (PWI 24-28, Sec., 7, 8, 16-21, T101N, R2W) water levels and soil moisture levels in the surrounding uplands and the Winnebago watershed of Freeborn County, Minnesota.

Work is proposed to start after June 23, 2008.

A Request for Proposal will be available by mail from this office through June 4, 2008. **A written request (by direct mail or fax) is required to receive the Request for Proposal.** After June 4, 2008, the Request for Proposal must be picked up in person.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Paul Hansen, Assistant Regional Wildlife Manager, Region IV
Department of Natural Resources, Section of Wildlife
261 Highway 15 South, New Ulm, MN 56073
Fax: (507) 359-6018
E-mail: Paul.Hansen@dnr.state.mn.us

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above no later than 3:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, June 10, 2008. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Fax or e-mailed proposals will **not** be considered.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Decisions on Great River Energy's Elk River Station Project: Environmental Impact Statement Adequacy; Site Designation and Site Permit

At a meeting on April 24, 2008, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) determined that the Environmental Impact Statement for the GRE Elk River Station Project was adequate. The Commission also designated a site and issued a Site Permit for the proposed large electric power generating plant (LEPGP). The site is located on GRE's campus in Elk River, Sherburne County, Minnesota. The Elk River campus currently includes Elk River Station, a Refuse-Derived-Fuel (RDF) combustor that co-produces electricity, and GRE's corporate offices.

On May 8, 2008, the Commission issued an Order adopting the ALJ's report, as amended and granting GRE a Site Permit to construct a large electric power generating plant.

The facility will use natural gas as its primary fuel and ultra-low sulfur distillate fuel oil as its backup fuel. The preferred project site

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is on GRE's campus in Elk River, Sherburne County, Minnesota. The proposed project consists of a single natural gas-fired simple-cycle combustion turbine generator (CT) with a nominal summer generating capacity of 175 MW and other associated facilities.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the Department of Commerce project manager: Bill Storm, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55155. **Telephone:** (651) 296-9535; **e-mail:** bill.storm@state.mn.us

Dated: May 9, 2008

Minnesota Department of Transportation Notice of Joint Public Hearing on Preliminary Design Plans for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project

The Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority and Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority will conduct a joint public hearing from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2008, at Goodwill/Easter Seals, 553 Fairview Avenue N., St. Paul, Minnesota 55104.

At the hearing the public will have an opportunity to make comments regarding the preliminary design plans for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit project. Prior to the public hearing there will be an open house from 4-5 p.m., where staff will be available to answer questions regarding the project.

Public review copies of the preliminary design plans will be available at several locations. Please go to www.centralcorridor.org for specific addresses where the public can review the preliminary design plans.

For sign language interpreting service or other special needs accommodations, call (651) 602-1457.